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SUBJECT: PRINCIPLES GUIDING US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF "PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE FUTURE US-  
GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION," WHICH WILL BE SIGNED BY THE  
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-- 1. THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND THE U.S. WILL COM-  
PLETE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREE-  
MENT TO REPLACE THE 1953 U.S.-GREEK MILITARY FACILITIES

AGREEMENT AND OTHER RELATED AGREEMENTS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL SUBMIT THIS AGREEMENT TO CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL.

-- 2. THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL BE DESIGNED TO MODERNIZE THE U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP REFLECTING THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GREECE AND THE MUTUALITY OF THEIR DEFENSE INTERESTS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

-- 3. THIS NEW AGREEMENT WILL DEFINE THE STATUS AND SET FORTH THE TERMS FOR OPERATIONS OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN GREECE WHERE U.S. PERSONNEL ARE PRESENT. IT WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE U.S.-TURKISH AGREEMENT AND WILL EMBODY, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

-- (A) EACH INSTALLATION WILL BE A GREEK MILITARY INSTALLATION UNDER A GREEK COMMANDER.

-- (B) THE INSTALLATIONS SHALL SERVE ONLY PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE. THEIR ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF MUTUALLY AGREED PROGRAMS.

-- (C) THERE SHALL BE PARTICIPATION OF GREEK PERSONNEL UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL STRENGTH REQUIRED FOR AGREED JOINT TECHNICAL OPERATIONS AND RELATED MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES OF THE FACILITIES AND THERE SHALL BE PROVISIONS FOR THE TRAINING OF SUCH PERSONNEL FOR THIS PURPOSE.

-- (D) ALL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION INCLUDING RAW DATA PRODUCED BY THE INSTALLATIONS SHALL BE SHARED FULLY BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ACCORDING TO MUTUALLY AGREED PROCEDURES A JOINT USE PLAN FOR THE U.S. FORCES COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN GREECE SHALL BE AGREED UPON.

-- (E) THE AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR FOUR  
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YEARS AND THERE SHALL BE PROVISIONS FOR THE TERMINATION THEREOF BEFORE ITS EXPIRATION, AS WELL AS FOR ITS RENEWAL.

-- (F) WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK THERE SHALL BE ANNEXES TO THIS AGREEMENT COVERING EACH MAJOR INSTALLATION (NEA MAKRI, SOUDA BAY, IRAKLION), THE U.S. ELEMENT AT THE HELLENIKON GREEK AIR BASE, AS WELL AS ANNEXES DEALING WITH STATUS OF FORCES (SOFA), AND COMMAND CONTROL.

-- (G) THE ANNEX COVERING SOUDA BAY WILL BE A REVISION OF THE 1959 SOUDA BAY AGREEMENT. MEANWHILE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT U.S. OPERATIONS AT THIS AIRFIELD WILL BE IN

ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1959 AGREEMENT.

-- (H) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT, PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME, U.S. OPERATIONS NOW BEING CONDUCTED FROM FACILITIES IN GREECE, WHICH SERVE MUTUAL DEFENSE INTERESTS, WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE

-- 4. AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NEW DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR A FOUR-YEAR COMMITMENT TO GREECE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TOTALING 700 MILLION DOLLARS, A PART OF WHICH WILL BE GRANT AID. THIS COMMITMENT WILL BE DESIGNED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS OF GREECE AND MEET ITS DEFENSE NEEDS IN PURSUIT OF NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE GOALS. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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